

# Adult Abuse Prevention Month

## May 2006

May is “**Adult Abuse Prevention Month.**” This public awareness packet is designed for organizations and individuals to educate their communities and increase public awareness about the abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older adults and persons with disabilities. This information is distributed through the collaborative efforts of:

- Virginia Department of Social Services
- Virginia Coalition for the Prevention of Elder Abuse
- SeniorNavigator.com
- AARP
- Virginia Department for the Aging

The contents of this packet may be provided to individuals and/or groups that you have targeted for your campaign. Please duplicate the materials as needed. The information may also be downloaded from the Internet by accessing the Senior Navigator website at <http://www.SeniorNavigator.com> or the Virginia Department of Social Services website at <http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/aps.html>.

The following materials are included:

1. Proclamation from Governor Kaine
2. What is Adult Abuse?
3. APS Statistics for 2004
4. Indicators of Abuse (English and Spanish)
5. Virginia Financial Institution Reporting Project
6. Neglect and Self-Neglect
7. Questions for Health Professionals about Abuse and Neglect
8. Adult Protective Services for Health Professionals
9. Tips for Caregivers
10. Caregiver's Bill of Rights
11. Caregiver Stress vs. Domestic Violence
12. VCPEA Adult Prevention Conference
13. Suggested Activities for Adult Abuse Prevention Month
14. Instructions for Submitting Articles to Local Newspapers
15. Instructions for Submitting Public Service Announcements to Local Radio Stations
16. A List of Available Brochures from DSS
17. A List of Available Videos from DSS
18. Stop Elder Abuse Poster
19. Stop Elder Abuse Memo Board with Pen
20. Purple Ribbon Information Card
21. Bookmark from *SeniorNavigator.com*
22. Rubber Jar Opener

*Some of the enclosed materials can be sent to you in limited quantities. Please direct questions, suggestions, or requests for additional information to the Virginia Department of Social Services, Adult Services Program at (804) 726-7533.*